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REMARKS**DEC 14 2006**

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1 and 4 have been amended. Claims 3, 10-17, 26-32, 37 and 38 have been cancelled. Claims 1-9, 18-25, and 33-36 are pending and under consideration.

**ITEM 3 AT PAGE 4: ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS 18-25 AND 33-36 AND INDICATION OF
ALLOWABILITY OF CLAIMS 3-8 IF SUITABLY REWRITTEN INTO INDEPENDENT FORM**

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 8 and claim 3 has been cancelled. Accordingly, all of claims 1, 2 and 4-9 are now allowable, along with the allowed claims 18-25 and 33-36.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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